

## Message Text

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O 241530Z FEB 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7324  
INFO USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, CY  
SUBJECT: CARTER MESSAGE TO SADAT

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ALL NEWSPAPERS AND CYPRUS  
BROADCASTING CORPORATION (CBC) HAD RECEIVED MIDDLE  
EAST NEWS AGENCY (MENA) REPORT ON CARTER MESSAGE TO SADAT  
AND WERE READY WITH STORIES WHEN WE SOUGHT TO DEFUSE BY  
ISSUING PRESS RELEASE OF THE OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE COMMENT.  
AS COMMENT BECAME AVAILABLE ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE PAPERS  
WENT TO PRESS, USIS CALLED PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AND  
ALL MEDIA AND DELIVERED STATEMENT ORALLY. WRITTEN VERSION  
DISTRIBUTED EARLY MORNING FRIDAY.

2. RESULT WAS A QUALIFIED SUCCESS. CBC HELD BACK UNTIL  
EMBASSY RELEASE BECAME AVAILABLE AND FIRST BROADCAST STORY  
ON 10:00 PM RADIO NEWS, GIVING PROMINENCE TO WHITE HOUSE  
COMMENT OVER MENA STORY. SIMILAR COVERAGE GIVEN STORY ON  
LATE TV NEWS.

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3. TREATMENT IN MORNING DAILIES WAS VARIED. ALL PAPERS  
CARRIED EMBASSY RELEASE ON BACK PAGE, WHICH IS STANDARD  
PROMINENT LOCATION FOR LATE BREAKING NEWS. IN NON-COMMUNIST,  
PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILIES EMBASSY RELEASE OVERSHADOWED MENA  
ITEM. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI CHOSE TO INTERPRET WHITE HOUSE  
COMMENT AS CONFIRMING MENA REPORT, AND SOCIALIST TA NEA

CARRIED MENA REPORT UNDER BANNER HEAD WITH EMBASSY  
RELEASE BURIED AT BOTTOM OF STORY. RIGHT-WING OPPOSITION  
SIMERINI USED SEVEN-COLUMN FRONT PAGE HEADLINE OF MENA STORY  
WITH WHITE HOUSE COMMENT GIVEN MODEST TREATMENT BACK PAGE.  
INDEPENDENT AGON GAVE FRONT PAGE HEADLINE TO EMBASSY  
RELEASE.  
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